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S. 3795

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2006

Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BURR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Access to Medicare
5 Imaging Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN MEDICARE**
 2 **PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REDUCTIONS FOR IM-**
 3 **AGING SERVICES.**

4 (a) MORATORIUM.—Subsections (b)(4)(A) and
 5 (c)(2)(B)(v)(II) of section 1848 of the Social Security Act
 6 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4), as added by section 5102(b) of the
 7 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, are each amended by strik-
 8 ing “2007” and inserting “2009”.

9 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON IMAGING SERVICES
 10 FURNISHED UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.—

11 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
 12 United States shall conduct a comprehensive study
 13 on imaging services furnished under the Medicare
 14 program.

15 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
 16 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-
 17 eral shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of
 18 Health and Human Services a report on the findings
 19 and conclusions of the study conducted under para-
 20 graph (1) together with recommendations for such
 21 legislation and administrative actions as the Comp-
 22 troller General considers appropriate.

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